

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2003**

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held October 27, 2003 in Room 374A of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Jernigan called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., followed by introductions. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Jernigan  
Vice President Mariajimenez  
Treasurer Lesser  
Commissioner Cooperman  
Commissioner Davalos  
Commissioner Duba  
Commissioner Mummey  
Commissioner Rodriguez

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Jernigan reported the following:

On September 18, 2003, she and Commissioners Morgan, Mummey, and Rodriguez attended a luncheon with her Excellency Dato Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil Minister of Women and Family Development in Malaysia at the Music Center, which the Commission co-hosted with the Office of Protocol.

On September 20, 2003, she, Vice President Mariajimenez, and Commissioners Duba, Lesser, Morgan, and Mummey attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Run/Walk for Girls-at-Risk at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. President Jernigan asked the Commission to give Commissioner Duba a round of applause for her hard work on the 5K Run/Walk.

On September 22, 2003, she and Commissioner Rodriguez attended the County's Productivity Conference at the Music Center. Supervisor Burke opened the conference; Dr. Thomas Garthwaite addressed the shortfall of the county health care programs; Chief Administrative Officer David Jansen went over the County budget, and emphasized to the Commissioners that they are empowered to act as ambassadors for the Board of Supervisors; Genevieve Clavreul applauded the Commission for Women for their hard work.

On September 2003, she, Renita Bowlin, Second Supervisorial District Deputy, Board of Supervisors Executive Officer, Violet Varona-Lukens, and Deputy Executive Officer, Khanh Nguyen, presented *Women Alive*, an HIV/AIDS education and support organization, with a \$1000 check from the Commission.

October 18, 2003, she co-hosted a book-signing event for *Salt in Your Socks*, a book of home remedies by Lillian Beard, M.D.

The National Coalition of Free Men and Marc Angelucci requested a dismissal of their lawsuit against the County, the Commission for Women, and other County Departments on September 11, 2003.

(Commissioners Creary and Morgan joined the meeting during the President's Report.)

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Lesser reported on the expenditures for the month of September 2003. The beginning balance for September was \$36,075.89; the expenditures were \$3,315.81; the income was \$80.04; and the ending balance was \$32,840.92. The October 2003 budget is \$3,648.99

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2003**

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, with Treasurer Lesser abstaining, the minutes of September 8, 2003 were approved.

### **SWEARING IN OF YVONNE MARIAJIMENEZ AS THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN VICE PRESIDENT BY THIRD DISTRICT DEPUTY ADINAH SOLOMON FOR THE 2003-04 TERM OF OFFICE**

Third Supervisorial District Deputy Adinah Solomon swore in Vice President Yvonne Mariajimenez for her second term as Vice President for 2003-04.

### **PRESENTATION BY EVALNGELINE ROSS, SENIOR MANAGER, LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE**

Ms. Ross reported the following:

- Ms. Ross introduced Ms. Angel Triola, who will be the Commission's liaison from the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance.
- She expressed Director of OAAC Dennis Tafoya's commitment to the work that the Commission does.
- She thanked the Commission for their past support of the OAAC Annual Multicultural Conference. The next conference will take place on March 31 and April 1, 2004.

- Ms. Ross explained the Diversity Program. Diversity Impact Teams ensure that each department in the county has adequate representation of women and minorities.
- The Diversity Program's Impact Teams outreach to women to apply for non-traditional positions in county departments, with a particular focus on the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department.
- The OAAC engages the County Fire and Sheriff's Departments to make sure they are aware of the things they need to do to outreach to females for non-traditional positions.
- The OAAC requires each county department to come up with an affirmative action compliance plan with goals, timetables and a plan of action, so if findings reveal under representation, the department is prepared to address the issue immediately.

After a question and answer period, President Jernigan thanked Ms. Ross for her presentation, and welcomed Ms. Triola as the Commission's new liaison from the OAAC.

President Jernigan introduced newly appointed First District Commissioner Karin Davalos.

**PRESENTATION TO MELONY JORESON, FIRST PRIZE WINNER OF THE KOREAN AIRLINE TICKETS AT THE 5K RUN/WALK ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2003**

Commissioner Duba and President Jernigan presented f the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Run/walk Raffle First Prize of two roundtrip Korean Airline tickets to Melony Joreson.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting.)

**REPORT ON THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN HELD AT THE LONG BEACH CONVENTION CENTER ON OCTOBER 22, 2003**

- Commissioner Rodriguez reported that Governor Davis and First Lady Sharon Davis were warmly welcomed.
- Jaime Lee Curtis encouraged women to remain active in the women's movement because women's groups are still a powerful force in California and the United States.
- Toyota, a conference sponsor, reported that 60% of Toyota car purchases are by women.
- She attended a workshop strategy seminar for women at work. The top issues of importance to women in the workplace are lack of respect and recognition.
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- Commissioner Mummey attended a workshop titled "How to Overcome Tragedy in your Life." The key speaker was the jogger who was nearly murdered in New York's Central Park 5 years ago.
- The other speakers at the "How to overcome tragedy in your life" workshop were Victoria Rowe, who spent the first 18 years of her life in multiple placements in the foster care system; the last speaker was California Senator Jackie Speier, who spoke of the tragedies in her life.

**REPORT ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK FOR GIRLS-AT-RISK HELD AT THE PASADENA ROSE BOWL ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2003**

Commissioner Duba passed out a spreadsheet listing accounting records from 1999 to 2003 of the 5K Run/Walk Fund's income, expenses, net profit, scholarship funds, sub-totals, and unused scholarship funds. She informed the commission that the 5K Run/Walk wrap-up meeting will take place in the Department Head Room in the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, October 29, 2003 at 9 a.m.

President Jernigan presented Commissioner Duba with a congratulatory scroll, signed by all five county Supervisors, commending the Commission's work on the 5K Run/Walk for Girls-at-Risk.

**SELECT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS TO RECEIVE HOLIDAY DONATIONS AND TO INCREASE THE DONATIONS TO \$500 FOR 2003 ONLY**

On motion of Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Cooperman, and unanimously approved, the Commission moved to select domestic violence shelters to receive holiday donations and to increase the donation to \$500 for 2003 only. Commissioners will contact staff regarding their domestic violence shelter selections.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Health Committee**

Commissioner Creary reminded the Commission that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She reported on low-cost mammogram services available in the county. She also reported that the surgery residency program will no longer be in existence at King/Drew. There are strategies and ideas under consideration to address the loss of the residency program. However, all ideas are long-term plans.

The next Health Committee meeting is November 10, 2003 at 8:45 a.m. in Room 830.

**Legislative Committee**

Vice President Mariajimenez reported that at the end of the California Legislative session, there were no significant bills passed into law that impact women directly. A

few bills that affect women indirectly that were passed include a bill to streamline the enrollment of children into the Medi-Cal system. In addition, Domestic Violence monies were maintained, but it is expected in 2005-06 that organizations who receive funding through domestic violence monies are going to lose substantially. She recommends the Commission track legislation regarding domestic violence funded organizations.

She further reported that the DNA All-Felon Database legislation failed due to partisanship. She suggests the Commission come up with a way to promote bipartisanship in the legislature regarding bills that directly affect women.

### **Media/Public Relations Committee**

Commissioner Morgan reported that she represented the Commission by staffing a table at the First District 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Fair and Senior Festival held at Whittier Narrows Recreation Center on October 9, 2003 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

She and Commissioner Mummey attended the Commission of Disabilities Access Awards Luncheon on October 15, 2003 at the Music Center. Commissioner Mummey commended Supervisor Burke for her opening speech.

### **Older Women's Issues Committee**

Commissioner Mummey attended a one-pay system for health care meeting. She also attended a Retired Teachers Meeting. The meeting's theme was "The Unchanging Face of a Teacher," which addresses the issue that K-12 teaching positions continue to be held disproportionately by women. Moreover, the overall low pay that is synonymous with the K-12 teaching profession is because teaching is viewed as "a woman's job."

She attended the annual Fred Jordan Mission's giveaway of free school supplies and clothes to low-income families in September. She encouraged Commissioners to attend next year.

### **Domestic Violence Subcommittee**

Commissioner Rodriguez attended the Los Angeles County (LAC) + USC Medical Center's recently renamed Violence Intervention Program (VIP), where Executive Director Dr. Astrid Heger established the first of its kind, "one stop shop" community Family Advocacy Center, offering medical, mental health, protective, legal and social services to victims of family violence and sexual assault throughout Los Angeles County. The center completes its rape exams in 1 hour and 40 minutes compared to the usual 2-hour exam at other facilities. She will look into scheduling a tour of the facility for the Commission members.

She also attended the Center for the Pacific Asian Family Center's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on October 2, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Ruth Jernigan, President  
Yvonne Mariajimenez, Vice President  
Charlotte Lesser, Treasurer  
Yolanda Becerra-Jones  
Roslyn Cooperman  
Ruth Creary, Ph.D.  
Karin Davalos  
Reiko Duba  
Janet Mummey, Esq.  
Lila Morgan  
Olivia Rodriguez

### **EXCUSED**

Susan Carpenter-McMillan  
Bonnie J. Lewis  
Barbara Perkins

### **UNEXCUSED**

Sophia Esparza

### **COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Adinah Solomon, Third Supervisorial District  
Evangeline Ross, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance  
Angel Triola, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance  
Khanh Nguyen, Executive Office  
Jim Corbett, Executive Office  
Twila Kerr, Executive Office  
Cheryl Diaz, Executive Office  
Audra Galang, Executive Office

### **GUESTS**

Maria Hernandez, Mother Net L.A.  
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Melony Joreson